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Senator Robert Duff, Co-Chair
Representative Claire Janowski, Co-Chair
Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee, Room 1000
Connecticut General Assembly
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Duff and Representative Janowski,

I am writing on behalf of the Connecticut Veterans Chamber of Commerce to express support for the appointment and confirmation of Sean Connolly (LTC US Army reserves) of Hebron as the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs. The Chamber is the voice of veteran-owned businesses in Connecticut.

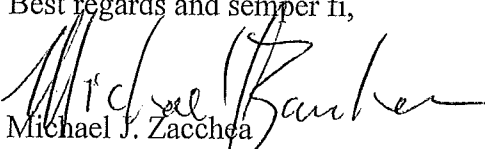
We believe that Mr. Connolly is well positioned as a decorated veteran of Iraq with a combat division, as a corporate lawyer, and in private practice working on government contracting issues, as well as important experience in the Office of the Secretary of Defense to address the issues our states' veterans face.

We believe that Connecticut's veterans (regardless of generation or gender) are best-served when four elements are in place: (1) timely access to healthcare; (2) access to education and re-training opportunities; (3) access to workforce re-entry opportunities; and (4) access to safe, secure, stable housing.

We believe that Mr. Connolly is well-qualified to address all of Connecticut's veterans' concerns and needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards and semper fi,


Michael J. Zacchea
Secretary/Treasurer

cc: Senator Mae Flexer, co-chair, Veterans Affairs Committee
Representative John "Jack" Hennessy, co-chair, Veterans Affairs Committee